Gram Sadak Yojana, Environment Impact Assessment and Environment Management Plan for Omkareshwar and Indira Sagar projects for NVDA.

(3) Networking of Mandis under Agmarknet Projects and Security Paper Mill, Hoshangabad.

(4) Rural Intranet for Gyandoot.

(5) Development and Maintenance of Portal web site for M.P.

(6) Electronic Registration Application for the O.0 Inspector General, Stamps and Registrations.

In addition to the above, as part of e-Governance, DIT is providing technical and financial support for implementation of following initiatives:

(1) Video conferencing facility has been extended to all the districts of Madhya Pradesh and also in the office of Chief Minister.

(2) Land Record Computerisation in various States of the country. The project has been taken up in Madhya Pradesh with an outlay of Rs. 140 lakhs.

(3) Rural ICT Centres (Samadhan Kendras) have been set up at two locations in Madhya Pradesh, *viz.* Ujjain and Chitrakoot to provide information to local villagers on health, agriculture, education, self-help groups, practical farming, women and child development, etc.

(4) Multimedia software has been developed for 18 crops mainly grown in Madhya Pradesh in both Hindi and English for the benefit of farmers at Jawaharlal Nehru Krishi Vishwavidyalaya (JNKVV), Jabalpur.

Release of telephone Connections in Bihar

†2245. SHRIMATI KUM KUM RAI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the applicants for telephone connections in Bihar have not been provided with the connections even after three years since they deposited the security amount in advance;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

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(c) the details of the steps being taken by Government to provide early connections to the consumers waiting for the same?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) There are 11,868 applicants waiting for telephone connections for more than three years as on 30.11.2004, out of a total waiting list of 1,18,819 applicants.

(c) The steps taken by BSNL to provide early connection to these consumers are as given under:

(i) 8245 LCKM of underground cable has been ordered for 2004-05.

(ii) The vendors have started the supply and the cables are being laid to clear the waiting list within 5 kms. of existing exchanges.

(iii) 65000 lines of WLL system and Fixed Wireless Terminals have been planned to clear the waiting list beyond 5 kms. of existing exchanges.

Modernisation of telegram services in Uttar Pradesh

†2246. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken any steps for modernisation of telegram services in the State of Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, the district-wise details thereof; and

(c) by when the task of modernisation of telegram services is likely to be completed in the State?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD) : (a) Yes, Sir.

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